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Behind the Race Riot

Detailed reports of the recent deadly race riots in South Carolina were suppressed in many papers and, where published, were often presented in a one-sided version. The news reports usually put all blame on the Negroes. Other investigators, however, reported that, instead of a Negro woman and son assaulting a white man, the white man profanely cursed and kicked the colored woman. In response, the woman's son knocked the white man down.

Authoritative witnesses also state that the local police acted in a brutal, abusive manner to all colored people, and made no effort to discriminate between the guilty and the innocent bystander.

The real inside story which received little public attention was that groups of Negro veterans were the moving forces behind the colored agitation. Police officials freely state that if they had not moved to disarm **all whites** promptly as well as all Negroes, a widespread battle would have occurred and scores would have been killed.

Negro veteran organizations are being quietly set up over the country. Into whose hands and under what spiritual and emotional direction will these groups fall?

Favorite Generals

Admiral Halsey and General George Patton both endeavored to promote their effectiveness and popularity as leaders by swaggering "blood and guts" and "yellow —— —— ——" sort of talk. How well did their efforts succeed?

An informal survey made by Elmo Roper of Fortune Magazine, to determine the most admired top military man gave both Halsey and Patton low ratings. General Dwight D. Eisenhower received 38.7 per cent of the vote, his popularity being high among the college educated, "upper crust" group. General Douglas MacArthur was a close runner-up, receiving 36.5 per cent of the vote and being rated the favorite of workers and farmers who had had grade or high school education.

General Patton received the votes of 5.9 per cent of those polled, and Admiral Halsey 3.8 per cent.

WORD IS REACHING AMERICA that a great revival of Bible reading is sweeping Europe. The people of Europe are not just reading a few verses each morning as a ritual of faith, they are reading the Bible avidly and eagerly. They testify that they are finding new power, new understanding of life, a new fount of courage and hope. Hungry, cold and impoverished, they are discovering an astonishing source of inspiration and instruction for rebuilding their lives and their world.

Rich America is sending impoverished Europe bread. Would that awakened Europe could repay by sharing the rediscovery of the bread of life with spiritually impoverished America.

X-Ray and Forecast

WHAT DOES RUSSIA WANT? Here are some important high points concerning the strained Anglo-American-Russian relations that have either been suppressed or have not been made clear to the American public:

Iran is not, and has not been for many generations, an "independent free nation" as the official and unofficial London-Washington spokesmen claim. Every diplomat and informed student of international affairs knows that Iran and other Arabian countries of the Near East are barely more than puppet governments, supported secretly by British oil money and, in the case of Iran, some American oil money.

Russia did break the joint agreement to remove troops from Iran. Moscow is certainly guilty of shamefully disregarding its responsibility in the UNO agreements. But to claim that, in these undeniable violations, the Soviet is invading "free and independent" peoples is *fostering an equally shameful betrayal of truth and is a treasonable betrayal of the American people and their interests in peace and justice.*

Hence, what Russia has really done has been brazenly to disregard legal treaties and agreements and boldly invade territories secretly controlled by British commercial interests aided by some measure of American cooperation. For years British policy has been to support the backward despotic rulers of Arabia with large grants of money in exchange for oil concessions. Ever since the British and French fleets became oil burning (after World War I), British policy, like the French in other parts of the Near East, has been to thwart all liberal movements that would disturb the status quo to protect at all costs this oil monopoly.

As Between The Lines has pointed out many times in the past, since the end of World War II and the appearance of the Russian colossus upon the skyline, British interests have tried deperately to draw American participation into the Iran oil monopolies so that London would not have to face the approaching crisis alone. But the hour of crisis came even sooner than expected.

STALIN'S MISTAKE. It would seem that the mistake Stalin really did make was in failing to create an impression of international morality. He could have taken more prompt advantage of the corrupt political set up in Iran, using his underground communist forces

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We Regret

In our issue of February 4 we made a brief editorial comment to the effect that the endless controversy over the virgin birth seemed actually to detract from the divinity of Jesus, while the direct application of any of His great teachings—such as "Love thy neighbor,"—promptly gives the world overwhelming proof of His divinity.

Although the great majority of the comments we received on this editorial paragraph were strongly favorable, there were a few of our friends who challenged our statement on grounds we believe to be justifiable. When we said, under pressure of required brevity, "You can't prove it (the virgin birth), you can't disprove it," we regrettably ignored the fact that many Bible students feel that the Scriptures themselves provide abundant proof of the authenticity of the virgin birth. But what we had in mind to point out was that, outside of the Scriptures, in the world of philosophy and science where men will not accept the Scripture as authority, the debate has raged for centuries endlessly and fruitlessly.

Yet no scientist or philosopher today will fail to stand in reverence before the immeasurable sweep of divine power held in Christ's own teachings. In the face of that testimony, they have no answer, no debate.

Also in our comment on the fact that it seems that the folks who argue the most about the virgin birth were often the ones who will not face the full implication of "Love thy neighbor," we should have made it clear that we had the "liberal" in mind as much as the theological "conservative." The "liberal" or "modernist" who preaches his doubts and attacks the faith of other men is betraying and denying the gospel and teachings of Christ as much as the fellow who preaches that Christ died "to save all men and make them one with the Father" but who won't sit down by a colored brother in a railroad train.

The point we meant to make, and still insist upon, is that far too many of us are making differ-

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ences of scriptural and theological opinion avenues of escape from the challenging applications of the teachings of Christ to our world around us. When men can see Jesus in all the full glory of His divine revelation, made manifest anew in modern miracles around them, the miracle of His birth and the miracle of the Scriptures that record Him become understandable—and unanswerable.

Rebuild Atom Damage

In line with increasing sentiment among the atomic scientists, the Federal Council of Churches has issued a report by a special commission of churchmen and prominent educators which denounced atom bombing as immoral.

Calling the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki "irresponsible," the report proposed the rebuilding of the two cities as a token of repentance and suggested that the churches of the United States undertake to provide special aid for the survivors of the "two murdered cities." The report said:

"In an atmosphere of general suspicion, atomic war would have, more than any previous form of combat, the characteristics of universal madness."

Other important voices, some in Washington circles, have suggested that America might recapture the good will of Japan and of all Asia by rebuilding these cities. What do you think?

Army Atrocities

While American papers and radios have been filled with news of Nazi and Japanese war crimes trials, not nearly enough has been reported about the crimes of American military police. Some of the most appalling atrocities were perpetrated on American troops at the orders of high-ranking American officers, according to testimony given at a United States Army court-martial in London.

Evidence has been gathered that revealed that American soldiers were beaten, put in solitary confinement without trial, forced to stand in constrained positions until they collapsed, forced to double-time until they were exhausted and then were beaten for being unable to continue. These things happened to United States troops at the hands of two of their own officers and nine enlisted men in charge of the Lichfield, England, replacement depot guardhouse. In Casablanca, naked men were staked down in the desert sun; in the Pacific, men were subjected to "rock pile" discipline; Le Mans became famous for its "black hole."

And such atrocities were committed by Army officers not against an enemy but against American soldiers. They were committed during times of victorious offensives, therefore without even the excuse of demoralizing combat conditions.

The American people have been made to see what beasts the Nazis and Japanese are. They need also to realize what beasts war and hatred can make some Americans.

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to stir up the impoverished, tyrant-ridden population against the pro-British, puppet, medieval regime that passes for a government in Teheran. Of course Moscow has, in fact, been following that policy and, by the time you read this, political revolt may be spreading through Arabia. But apparently impatience, or fear of British and American secret counter-intrigues—of which there have been plenty in Arabia—caused Stalin to disregard all moral treaty obligations and fasten a military grip sufficiently extended over that vast and rich storehouse so that he might be in a position to check any anti-Russian movements that might develop.

THE DARDANELLES. The outflanking of Turkey and a forcing of the Dardanelles issue is no doubt of equal importance to both the Russians and the western allies. Churchill did not tell the real truth when he said, in his New York speech, that Britain had offered to reconstitute the control of the Dardanelle Straits so that Russia would have equal and free passage with other nations. What he did *not* say, and what constitutes the real truth, is that the proposal referred to would only permit Russia to sit in with Britain, France and Turkey, and that the three were obviously prepared to act together against Russia. (Since World War I the Turkish government has also been a government which owes its life to the support of British and French power.)

Russia did not regard an offer of one-fourth control as sufficient for security. In case of war, with Turkey under British domination and France welded to British policy, Russia could be quickly bottled up and the Straits controlled by British guns.

The Dardanelles are at Russia's doorstep. Moscow is determined that the Straits shall offer no threat. You may depend on it that Moscow will not give up until the Soviet instead of Britain controls Turkey, and Russian guns guard the narrow passage to the Mediterranean and the world beyond.

WILL WE FIGHT RUSSIA? Don't be disturbed by the talk of war with Russia soon. The Labor government of London, while inheriting the whole evil empire system from its Tory predecessors, does not in itself believe in the system it is being forced to protect. We pointed out some months ago that the Labor government is working under a compromise agreement. The Tories are still very powerful. The Laborites could get nowhere without unity, and unity could not be secured without compromise. The Labor government had received a franchise from the English people to socialize England, but much, if not most, of Tory wealth is in empire investments, and the Tories agreed to cooperate on the socialization of England if the Labor government would continue the Churchill empire policies outside of England.

Realizing, moreover, that any too sudden change of empire policy would be disastrous to British economy, the Laborites accepted the compromise, and even Churchill could not complain of the valiant and brilliant defense of empire Bevin has supplied. But as far as the Laborites are concerned, their hearts are not in it. They know that the day of empire profits by racial domination and exploitation is over, that the day of prosperity by mutual cooperation and goodwill is here.

Hence in softening the blundering Churchillian policy in Greece; in urging the Dutch government to go all the way toward meeting Indonesian demands while British guns gave the Dutch the chance to negotiate; in offering bold new terms for all out independence to India if India will only set up the necessary constitution of government, the Laborites have shown remarkable courage and inspiring far-sightedness plus an adroit mingling of the fulfillment of their obligations to the Tories with the pushing on to the fulfillment of Britain's greater destiny of leadership in a really free world.

Thus we can look for the development in British policies of a more conciliatory attitude toward Russia's viewpoint. The old Tory government wouldn't give an inch and Russia was ready to fight, but the Labor government, which knows that the English people are no more anxious for another war than are the Americans or Russians, will doubtless work for a peaceful settlement of disputes.

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Strikeless Minnesota

While the rest of the country suffered from strikes, one state, Minnesota, remained strike free because of the successful operation of a state labor law requiring that a fact-finding, cooling off program be followed by both labor and management. Labor and management leaders report that the law has prevented strikes and worked without disadvantage to either party. The public interest has naturally greatly benefitted by the absence of strikes and there have been only a few cases of non-compliance with the law.

Both big business and big labor leaders outside Minnesota have refused to support such a law or give it a chance, in spite of the fact that the experiment has succeeded wherever it has been tried.

Members for Unions

After the last war the labor unions lost a large portion of their membership strength. But now labor unions are planning to capitalize on the wage rises approved by the administration's new wage policy to build up their membership and forestall any loss from job shrinkage.

Pay increases are being promised prospective members by the CIO, AFL and independent unions. The CIO is concentrating its membership drive on Southern areas and in the chemical industry. Workers in chemical plants are being unionized not only by the CIO but by the AFL and John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers as well.

The membership campaign of the unions will be directed primarily to non-unionized workers whose numbers at present add up to something like 28,500,000, not counting farmers and farm help.

Twisted Truth

The Reader's Digest recently charged that the firemen and engineers railroad union had assets of $30,000,000, thus indicating that labor unions are rich, powerful and dangerous. But the Reader's Digest did not tell the truth about this thirty million dollars. In answering the anti-labor Digest article, the railroad Brotherhood publication, Labor, said:

"The Brotherhood's assets do total $30,000,000—maybe a little more—but what [the Readers' Digest] doesn't reveal is that all this money with the exception of about $2,000,000, is a reserve for the Brotherhood's insurance system.

"It is the best and cheapest insurance in the world. No one makes a penny out of it. Insurance is sold only to members of the Brotherhood and at cost—probably twenty per cent below the rates of old-line insurance companies.

"The system is so sound that it has been approved by the insurance department in every state in this country and in every province in Canada.

"The Brotherhood didn't go into the insurance business because it wished to engage in some activity

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outside the labor movement. Many years ago it discovered that men who ran locomotives were regarded by insurance companies as 'extra-hazardous risks.' Some companies wouldn't issue policies to these railroaders. Others charged exorbitant rates. So the Brotherhood set up its own insurance system . . . The total insurance outstanding is about $100,000,000.

"It is scarcely necessary to say that not a dollar of these insurance reserves is 'available' for strikes and political campaigns, as the article strongly suggests. Of course, all these facts might have been secured at the expense of one telephone call — but that might have spoiled the fantastic story about 'multi-million-dollar' union treasuries."

There have been racketeers in labor unions, as there have been in banks. There have been selfishly led unions and there have been selfishly promoted power and utility companies and chain stores. But it certainly weakens the position of the anti-labor forces when they twist truth to bring attacks against such unions as the railroad Brotherhood whose record stands highest among all organizations in capital or labor for character and responsibility.

Negroes Vote

In Alabama qualified Negroes are permitted to vote now in the Democratic primaries for the first time since 1870. The State Democratic committee, yielding before the 1944 United States Supreme Court decision in Texas outlawing white primaries, voted to scratch the word "white" from the primary notices.

It is reported that Negroes are appearing for registration in increasing numbers and are taking tests for fitness for voting. Such tests usually involve a written examination of ability to read and write and understand the Constitution.

Probably barriers will be devised to prevent widespread colored voting. However, the white political leaders are freely admitting that the day has come when they can no longer block the path to a fuller realization of the privileges of citizenship on the part of educated responsible citizens. This development in Alabama, while ignored and suppressed by most Southern papers, is of great significance and will be widely felt.

Y.W.C.A. Program

The national Y.W.C.A. leaders have taken vigorous steps to promote racial equality through their widespread organization. A conscious effort is to be made to increase the participation of Negro women and girls in all parts of the association program. In communities where rigid patterns of separation prohibit white and Negro women and girls in the same group, intergroup activities will be employed to bridge the gap.

THE OBSTACLE

A dangerous drift in the world today threatens a return to the old war-breeding systems of international power politics. Were it not for the mounting pressure of the Christian conscience over the world, this dangerous trend, of trying to maintain the world peace by putting one armed power against another, would no doubt proceed unchecked. But brave pronouncements by both the Catholic and Protestant leaders, supported by the prayers and voices of millions of their fellow churchmen, could strongly challenge this disastrous trend. The Christian conscience stands for a new moral order—peace based on justice, tolerance and truth rather than on systems of economic domination buttressed by steel and propaganda.

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RELIGIOUS COMMISSION. A Protestant Commission of International Relations has been formed "to stimulate the churches of all nations to a more vigorous expression of the demands of the Christian conscience in relation to the political policies of governments." This Commission was set up by the World Council of Churches which recently met at Geneva, Switzerland.

The World Council of Churches is also seeking to establish a Protestant-Eastern Orthodox Church front to influence world affairs—a trend of great significance on which we will report more fully in our next issue.

HOUSING HOPES. The shaking down the whole building industry and government systems of control are getting in the Washington battle over housing is doing a lot of good. Out of it will come a new sense of responsibility and cooperation. That goes for government bureaus as well as private industry. While the fact remains that long-standing pre-war opposition to any real slum clearance program is fundamentally responsible for the present desperate situation, other elements involved are being hammered into new and more useful forms on the anvil of congressional debate. The vote pressure on Congress from ten million angry veterans and their families is barely counterbalanced by the tremendous squeeze from real estate, building materials and mortgage and loan lobbies. Here is what is really happening:

1. Private building interests are being forced to realize that profits must come secondary to public welfare, that slum clearance and adequate low rent dwellings in large and small projects have become a fundamental requirement of our democratic economy. (We have emphasized this phase of the problem in past reports for it is at this point that the long-range significant development lies. Ed.)

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Southerner to Watch

New Southern leadership is on the way up. The whole country has become sick of the rantings of a few fascist-minded old timers in Congress who are elected by a small landholding minority in the poll tax states.

For instance, Georgia's young Governor Arnall is a man to watch. Progressive, popular and the antithesis of the poll tax ranters, he is becoming an increasing power in shaping Southern political policies. Keep an eye on him. He and Stassen in the North represent the most important elements in the American political post-war scene.

Who Is to Blame?

In the Case labor regulation bill now before Congress (already passed by the House), there is a provision with penalties for the violation of contracts between unions and employers. Publicity for the bill implies and the general public impression is that labor unions are the only ones always guilty of breach of contract.

But Business Week, one of America's leading business spokesmen, has warned its readers that, "Management has rather generally assumed that these contract-breaking walkouts are all there is to the responsibility problem and that penalties for contract-breaching will bother only the unions. This is far from the truth." The business publication continues that arbitrated decisions of contract violations go against the employer in about two out of three instances.

Business Week thus advises its readers that they should not expect too much relief from labor troubles through the Case bill on breach of contract, because in most instances a court examination of the circumstances reveals that employers are to blame!

Freight Frauds

A 140 page documented volume containing one of the most damning indictments of railroad rate-making practices ever made, has been published by the Federal Bureau of Budgets. The industry was investigated by the Bureau and its report submitted to Congress for further investigation and action.

The report, which has been generally suppressed, is chiefly concerned with excessive and irregular freight charges for the transportation of war materials during the war years. Millions of dollars were stolen from the government by these excessive freight bills. The railroad lobby is doing all it can to prevent the revelations from being brought to light and are fighting every proposal to force the railroads to make restitution.

British Labor Program

The implication is frequently made that the Labor government of England is communistic. The fact is that the national executive committee of the Labor party re-

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cently rejected, for the eighth consecutive time, the Communist party's application for affiliation. The only communists who sit in on the Labor government sessions are those in Parliament who were elected from their districts.

The Laborites slowly continue to institute their reforms affecting the lives of the common people of England. Legislation is being put into effect which will raise sickness insurance benefits from 15 shillings a week to about 50 shillings ($10). Other benefits, although small according to American standards, mark a decided step forward to the British. Although the exact figures are not obtainable, the greater part of the cost of these new social benefits will be borne by the English workers.

Industry will also receive benefits from the Labor government. Large loans are being made available to businessmen and, to encourage the expansion of private business, the government has announced that only 15 to 20 per cent of British industry and services will be nationalized. The nationalization program will be so planned as to broaden the entire base of England's economic system for a far greater participation in free enterprise by the average citizen.

Bible—CIO Literature

The CIO is getting out pictorial booklets to show that the objectives that the CIO is trying to achieve for its workers are nearly all drawn from social philosophies presented in the Bible! The union headquarters is preparing to distribute great quantities of these eight-page colored Bible-labor pamphlets throughout the country.

Cancer and Cigarettes

Tobacco is one of the largest advertisers in the American press — hence anti-cigarette news is hardly ever published. According to George Seldes, the Durham, North Carolina, Herald was the only paper that published the following important report:

"Cancer of the lung is on the increase and there is a distinct parallel between that increase and the increase in the sale of cigarettes. So declared Dr. Alton Ochsner of New Orleans (Tulane), regional medical director of the American Cancer Society and one of the nation's authorities on cancer.

" 'Incidence of cancer of the lung,' Dr. Ochsner said, 'definitely has risen within the past two decades, although cancer incidence in other organs has remained about the same or is somewhat less. Today cancer of the lung represents from ten to fifteen per cent of all cancers found in the body . . . Professor Roffo, director of the Institute for Malignant Diseases in Buenos Aires, has shown that tobacco contains a tar which has a carcinogenic (cancer - producing) effect . . .Smoking is a factor because of the chronic irritation that it produces'."

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2. Prefabrication can be held back no longer by the building material monopolies. Also the building labor unions can no longer block prefabrication, machine cut lumber and fittings, airbrush painting and other modern improvements that cut labor and material costs.

3. Mortgage companies face the fact that long-range low income property investments with secured income are preferable to the old -time high interest bonds on building projects—projects that sometimes were foreclosed on or exchanged hands before being completed. Houses and apartment buildings should be made to live in and not for speculation.

4. The government, whose position in the housing controversy has been greatly weakened by bureaucratic boondoggling in the past, must take its place of guidance and over-all planning in terms of a public trust, not as a vote getting political catch-all.

There are many progressive young Republicans who are keenly aware of the need for government leadership and coordination in a long-range, large-scale housing slum clearance program. Unless the present administration moves swiftly to make its housing program a non-partisan program of public service standing above politics, then the aggressive young Republicans who are at last getting out from under the control of the Wall Street Old Guard will have a devastating election weapon—"Take housing out of politics. Put it back into the hands of the people."

ATOM BOMBS OF GREATER POWER. The government is apparently going ahead with the Navy atom bomb tests in spite of opposition from many corners of our official life. But the whole atom bomb situation is increasingly confused and uncertain because information has leaked out that atom scientists are about to complete a new bomb which is *many, many times more destructive than the first ones used.* So destructive are the new bombs that military leaders in Washington are admitting that the Pacific fleet tests will be obsolete even before they are made. If the new bombs were used, the destruction on marine life as well as human life from radio activity over such a large area would be so potentially great, that all present safeguards and arrangements would be wholly inadequate.

You can be sure of one thing, there is no possible way to overemphasize or exaggerate the changes atomic power is going to bring to our world. It is felt by some authorities that if a full realization of these facts should reach the public too quickly, a mass hysteria and its accompanying evils could well become a major problem.

SECRET MEETINGS. High government circles charge that secret meetings were held by the big corporation heads to make plans for united action in their stand against labor and against government proposals for wage settlements. These charges state that big business leaders made secret pacts to stick together until they "busted the unions." The corporation heads first issued flat denials that any such meetings occurred. Later they admitted that the conferences had been held but said that no such pacts were made.

Government officials, however, answer by pointing to the record that big steel, big auto, big packing corporations all resisted settlements with the strange coincidence of complete unity of action until pressure from government sources began to force the issue. And what is more remarkable, such corporations as Ford, Kaiser, Chrysler, which were not present at these secret meetings, made separate settlements with their unions much earlier.

Perhaps the corporations would have been smarter frankly to have admitted the pacts they had quietly made, and to have pointed to the accepted fact that labor leaders have had innumerable and unheralded get-togethers to make plans for busting the corporation controls over wages!

It is admitted that big business came out a poor second in all phases of public relations during the strikes. The young fellows coming up in the labor ranks who are directing union politics and public relations are mostly graduates of Yale, Princeton and other universities, although they almost all come from workers' families. But they have consistently out-thought and out-maneuvered the corporation leaders. Some of the country's leading big business spokesmen are freely admitting that fact and are making courageous and significant deductions from it.

Conscription Authority

A few editors have had fun with this paragraph.

Do you believe in military conscription? Here is a great military authority who also advocates it.

"Therefore we . . . stand for compulsory military service for every man. If a state is not worth that, then away with it! Then you must not complain if you are enslaved. But if you believe that you must be free, then you must learn to recognize that no one gives you freedom save only your sword. . .

"It is clear to anyone . . . that in case of a coming war the entire nation would have to take up arms, that therefore millions would be driven toward the enemy with bad, insufficient or half-finished training . . . The army educates them [soldiers] only to be reliable, decent members of the community, men who in the hour of need and danger will feel themselves united in loyalty with the nation; and should fate confront them with the sternest ordeal, will defend the freedom of their people with bravery and honor."

That fellow knew what he was talking about, you say? He should, It was Adolph Hitler, quoted from his book, Mein Kampf.

Birobidjan

We read much about the Jewish national home in Palestine, but few have even heard of the Jewish Soviet State Birobidjan in southeastern Siberia—a socialist republic of the U.S.S.R. devoted exclusively to Jews. It is an area nearly the size of Ohio, rich in agriculture and natural resources, a climate about like Minnesota but with much more sunshine.

The American Jewish Birobidjan Committee has been running large ads in newspapers in cities where there are great numbers of Jews. These ads promote the idea of building this Soviet state up as a refuge for European Jews and a Jewish socialist "home land."

Christian Cooperation

A reader reports:

"A business block in Clinton, Illinois, was recently burned and Herman Metz was one of those completely burned out. His business is electrical and household appliances and while he could find store rooms he was unable to find another building that could be used as a show room and sales room. Another dealer in electrical and household appliances came to his aid and offered him part of the floor space in his show rooms so that Mr. Metz could continue in business. That is real cooperation."

Christian capitalism, we might add!

Influence

What molds the mind of the nation's youth? A poll of 101,548 students in 1,555 United States high schools, taken by the Institute of Student Opinion, reveals that, aside from the family, newspapers and magazines influence their thinking to the greatest extent.